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Applicant: Matsumoto et al.
Serial Number: 10/069,702
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Confirmation Number: 3987
Title: Wet-Type Compacting Method For Powder, Production
Method For Sintered Powder Compact, Sintered Powder
Compact, And Apparatus Using Sintered Powder Compact

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Sir:

Applicant filed a "Request For Corrected Filing Receipt" with the Patent Office on 31 July 2002, requesting correction of (1) a foreign application priority date and (2) the application title. To date, no corrected filing receipt has been received. Applicant HAS, however, received documents unresponsive to the "Request For Corrected Filing Receipt", according to the following timeline:

22 July 2002	Applicant receives <u>incorrect filing receipt</u> from Patent Office
31 July 2002	Applicant files "Request For Corrected Filing Receipt" with Patent Office; this was the FIRST request
04 March 2003	Applicant files "Status Inquiry Regarding Request For Corrected Filing Receipt" with Patent Office; this was the SECOND request
23 June 2003	Applicant receives a duplicate copy of the <u>incorrect filing receipt</u> from Patent Office
24 June 2003	Applicant mails "Second Inquiry Regarding Request For Corrected Filing Receipt" to Patent Office, with copies of

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both previous requests; this was the THIRD request
Applicant receives notice from Patent Office (dated 27 June
2003) stating "We project that this application will be first
examined in 5 to 8 months from today."

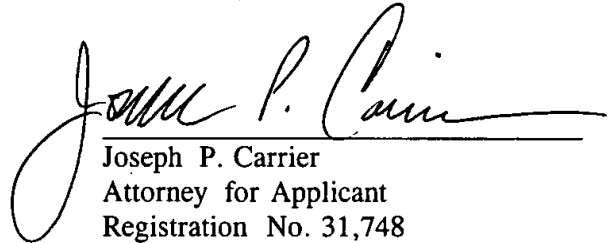
To date, applicant has not filed any status inquiry with respect to the examination of the application or an anticipated first office action date. All inquiries have concerned the "Request For Corrected Filing Receipt" and the non-receipt of a corrected filing receipt. The Patent Office's latest communication, therefore, is not responsive to anything applicant has filed in the case.

In view of the facts presented: (1) that the identified application was filed more than a year ago; (2) that applicant initially requested a corrected filing receipt more than 11 months ago; (3) that applicant has already filed two earlier inquiries into the status of the corrected filing receipt; and (4) that applicant has not received a corrected filing receipt for the application, applicant respectfully requests that the Patent Office issue the corrected filing receipt without additional delay.

Favorable and prompt consideration is again respectfully requested.

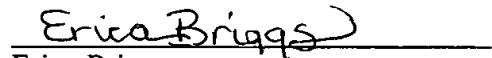
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